

REPORT OF FINAL APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED IN CLOSED SESSION

DESCRIPTION: County of Los Angeles, et al. v. Kernview Oil Corporation, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court No. BC 272310

On December 16, 2003, in closed session (Item CS-2), the Board of Supervisors approved settlement agreements relating to the subject litigation with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) and Trio Petroleum, Inc (Trio). The authorized agreements became effective on December 22, 2003 and January 9, 2004, respectively, following execution by parties involved.

The settlement agreement with Trio provides for the dismissal of the County and Los Angeles County Flood Control District's lawsuit against Trio and the mutual release of claims by both sides, conditioned upon the Trio's termination of its oil operations in the Whittier Narrows Basin pursuant to a separate settlement agreement with WRD.

The agreement with WRD provides for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) to contribute one-half of the total cost, up to \$320,000, to remove a well pad and access road used by Trio, after Trio has terminated its operations in the Whittier Narrows Basin. Should the cost to perform this work exceed \$320,000, the cost-sharing agreement provides that LACFCD would be responsible for all costs in excess of \$320,000.

The settlements were authorized by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Yaroslavsky, Antonovich and Krabe

Noes: Supervisor(s) NONE

Absent: Supervisor(s) NONE



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